

CLAIMS:

1. A method of controlling unruly persons comprising:

identifying an area containing unruly persons refusing to respond to rule of law;

5 filling the area with a non-toxic, non-injurious fogging material which interferes with the visual sense of persons in the area so as to prevent the persons from orienting themselves within the area and prevents the persons from seeing other persons within the area;

providing for at least one authorized person within the area a thermal

10 imaging camera operable to thermally detect persons within the area and to generate an image representing the persons detected;

providing for said at least one authorized person within the area a viewing device for viewing the image of the detected persons;

and causing said at least one authorized person to subdue the unruly

15 persons while viewing the images of the unruly persons and while the unruly persons are prevented from seeing the at least one authorized person.

2. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the camera is mounted on a headpiece arranged to be carried on the head of the authorized person so as to be movable with the head.

20 3. The method according to Claim 2 wherein the camera is arranged to be carried on a helmet of the authorized person.

4. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the viewing device is mounted on a support to be carried in front of one eye of the authorized person.

5. The method according to Claim 4 wherein the viewing device is mounted on a helmet of the authorized person.

6. The method according to Claim 1 including providing a thermal imaging camera operable to thermally detect persons within the area and to 5 generate an image representing the persons detected and recording the images of the persons in the area to maintain a record of the activities in the area.

7. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the unruly persons are subdued one at a time.

8. The method according to Claim 7 wherein the unruly persons 10 are subdued by pepper spray.

9. The method according to Claim 7 wherein the unruly persons are subdued by manual manipulation.

10. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the unruly persons are prisoners in a correctional institution.

15 11. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the unruly persons are rioters.

12. An apparatus for use in controlling unruly persons comprising: a fog generating machine for filling an area with a non-toxic, non-injurious fogging material which interferes with the visual sense of persons in the 20 area so as to prevent the persons from orienting themselves within the area and prevents the persons from seeing other persons within the area;

a thermal imaging camera operable to thermally detect persons within the area and to generate an image representing the persons detected;

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a viewing device for viewing the image of the detected persons;
wherein the camera is mounted on a headpiece arranged to be carried
on the head of an authorized person so as to be movable with the head;
and wherein the viewing device is mounted on a support to be carried
5 in front of one eye of the authorized person.

13. The apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein the camera is
arranged to be carried on a helmet of the authorized person.

14. The apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein the viewing
device is mounted on a helmet of the authorized person.

10 15. The apparatus according to Claim 12 wherein there is provided
a thermal imaging camera operable to thermally detect persons within the area and
to generate an image representing the persons detected and recording the images
of the persons in the area to maintain a record of the activities in the area.

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